

**IN THE DRAWINGS**

Proposed changes to Figs. 1-3 are submitted herewith, with a Letter to the Official Draftsman.

#### REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication in the Office Action that claims 10, 11, 13, 18, and 20 are allowed.

Rejected claims 1-9, 14-17, 19, and 21-24 are canceled herein. Claim 12 is amended to depend from allowed claim 10, and claims 10-13 are amended for clarity. The claims have been revised to avoid the issues underlying the objections to claims 12 and 14.

The art-based rejections are obviated by the cancellation of the claims to which they pertain, with the above-noted exception of claim 12.

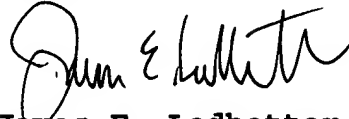
Proposed changes to Figs. 1-3 are submitted herewith to overcome the objections thereto.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone

the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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